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RELEVANCE OF THE DOCUMENTS

Documents BL to BP, CM and CN are English translations of the Abstracts of Japanese patents filed with an Information Disclosure Statement on October 22, 1999. Document CL is an English translation of a Japanese patent filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on October 22, 1999.

Document AL discloses a manufacturing method of a lead acid battery comprising the step of preparing a groove on the surface of the electrode with a roller comprising line-shaped unevenness. Both edges of the groove reach to the edges of the electrode.

Document AM discloses a purpose to allow no chance of active material falling-out or crack occurrences during the winding work of plates by providing stripe like grooves, which facilitate their winding, at least on one face of both of positive/negative plates or a negative plate in an enclosed battery provided with a group of spiral plates.

Document AN discloses a purpose to shorten the penetrating time of electrolyte into electrode group, and improve mass productivity by injecting a nonaqueous electrolyte into a laminated body having a positive electrode and a negative electrode laminated through a separator, and subjecting at least one surface of the separator to surface roughing treatment.

Document AO discloses a purpose to suppress an active material from coming off from an electrode at the time of manufacture so as to prevent an internal short-circuit from being generated by forming a porous protecting film of specific thickness on a surface of any active material applied layer of negative and positive electrodes.

Document AP discloses a purpose to reduce voltage drop in discharging, especially in the voltage drop condition at a low temperature, by providing minute unevenness on the surface of a negative electrode active material, in a lithium battery.

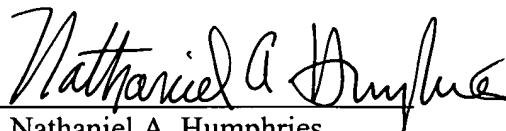
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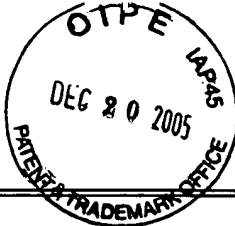
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	AN	JP06-333550	12-02-1994	Japan			No
	AO	JP07-220759	08-18-1995	Japan			No
	AP	JP08-222214	08-30-1996	Japan			No

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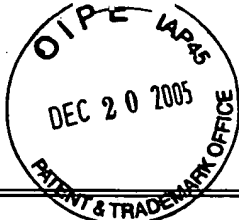
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	CM	JP09-330704	12-22-1997	Patent Abstract Only			Yes
	CN	JP10-172537	06-26-1998	Patent Abstract Only			Yes
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